

OPERATIONS GROUP FILE

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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 7 February 1985

1. (Williams) [] phoned this morning to discuss a number of issues. He said that, owing to a spot of ill health, D/FBIS had not been able to make his planned call on the CYTA GM. John plans to write to the Ambassador about the ROSET project and told [] to stand down until Headquarters provides instructions.

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Chandlee had told Chuck that he regards the negotiations over ROSET as a straight "business deal." I said that that was the way we all looked at it. It is merely an extension of our traditional monitoring activities and should not be regarded as anything unusual or special simply because it employs a different type of equipment. We are willing to pay for CYTA services. I said I personally had no problem with renting a space in CYTA's antenna field, with their engineers manning the dish, or with their handling the communications to the bureau as long as it was understood that the dish was at all times under FBIS operational control. In fact, using CYTA's personnel, who are highly competent, could be a help in dealing with any increases in the Honorarium the Cypriots might want to try to negotiate.

Chuck said that in his earlier discussions with the CYTA the GM had said that he felt CYTA would have to charge us the standard \$2,900 per hour commercial downlink charge unless Intelsat told him it was alright to waive the charges. I said CYTA would have to be reminded that we are not a commercial activity and have no profit incentive or plans for public or commercial redistribution of the monitored product.

I asked if there was room enough [] to contain the ROSET dish should we decide to put it up on our own property. Chuck said there would be room if we simply rented a small additional parcel of ground and did some filling in the area where the ground would slope in an expanded site. He is sending in some revised bureau floorplans with [] who reports here next week. He has been told by the security people that he can have windows at little risk, given the nature of the site we chose. He favors windows and a double atrium configuration.

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